



**Haven Community Church
Pastor Jack D. Cohen – February 21, 2010**

“¹⁵ So be careful how you live. Don’t live like fools, but like those who are wise. ¹⁶ Make the most of every opportunity in these evil days. ¹⁷ Don’t act thoughtlessly, but understand what the Lord wants you to do.”
– Ephesians 5:15-17 (NLT)

Week #1 - What on Earth am I here for?

Life’s 3 Greatest Questions

I. Question of Existence: Why am I alive?

“Why was I born? Was it only to have trouble and sorrow to end my life in disgrace?” – Jeremiah 20:18 (TEV)

- Life without purpose isn’t worth living
- Ways we try to find out why we are alive:
 - Mystical approach – to find the purpose of life look within
 - Survivalist approach – the purpose of life is to just survive
 - Naturalist approach – the purpose of life is to perpetuate itself
 - Hedonist approach – the purpose of life is pleasure
 - Materialist approach – the purpose of life is to acquire things
 - Self-help approach – you have to invent your purpose
- Being a success & knowing your purpose in life are not the same

“The Lord has made everything for His own purpose.” – Proverbs 16:4a (GW)

“Long before He laid down earth’s foundations, He had us in mind, and settled on us as the focus of His love, to be made whole and holy by His love.” – Ephesians 1:4 (MSG)

God: I created to be loved by God

II. Question of Significance: Does my life matter?

“My work all seems so useless! I have spent my strength for nothing and for no purpose at all.”
– Isaiah 49:4a (NLT)

- You will live at 1 of 3 levels in life:
 - Survival level
 - Success level
 - Significance level

“I am your Creator. You were in my care even before you were born.” – Isaiah 44:2 (CEV)

“You... scheduled each day of my life before I began to breathe. Every day was recorded in your book!”
– Psalm 139:16 (LB)

“His plans endure forever; his purposes last eternally.” – Psalm 33:11 (GN)

God: I was made to last forever

“When this tent we live in—our body here on earth—is torn down, God will have a house in heaven for us to live in, a home he himself has made, which will last forever.” – 2 Corinthians 5:1 (TEV)

“Leave your impoverished confusion & live! Walk up the street to a life with meaning.” – Proverbs 9:6 (MSG)

III. Question of Intention: What is my purpose?

“Why did you create us? For nothing?” – Psalm 89:47 (NCV)

“Knowing God results in every other kind of understanding.” – Proverbs 9:10b (LB)

God: I find my purpose by getting to know God

“For everything, absolutely everything, above and below, visible and invisible...everything got started in him and finds its purpose in him.” – Colossians 1:16 (MSG)

“It makes no difference who you are or where you’re from—if you want God and are ready to do as he says, the door is open.” – Acts 10:35 (MSG)